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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON KOREA DEVELOPMENTS

1. CONGRESSIONAL ACCESS TO KIM DONG-JO

A PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN JAWORSKI AND AMBASSADOR KIM YONG-SHIK HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING IN THE DEPARTMENT. KIM HOPES TO KEEP THE DIALOGUE ALIVE AND IS CONSIDERING A QUICK TRIP TO SEOUL AFTERWARD TO TRY TO BRIDGE THE REMAINING GAP IN EXISTING PROPOSALS FOR ACCESS TO KIM DONG-JO. THE WEDNESDAY MEETING MAY BE A CRITICAL ONE, AND WE HAVE PRESSED THE KOREANS TO SEARCH FOR ANY REMAINING FLEXIBILITY IN THEIR POSITION.

2. CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON MILITARY COMPENSATORY MEASURES

THE HIRC MARKUP OF THE MUTUAL SECURITY BILL LAST WEEK REPORTED OUT THE EQUIPMENT TRANSFER AUTHORITY AND 275

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FMS CREDITS FOR KOREA. THE TRANSFER AUTHORITY WAS AMENDED TO REQUIRE MORE EXTENSIVE POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC REPORTING TO THE CONGRESS EACH YEAR DURING THE WITHDRAWAL AND TO INCORPORATE A FIRM 800 MILLION DOLLAR CEILING ON THE VALUE OF THE TRANSFERS. SOMEWHAT SIMILAR ACTION IS ANTICIPATED THURSDAY IN THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS

COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH WITH A POSSIBLE ADDED REQUIREMENT FOR AN ADVANCE FEASIBILITY REPORT TO THE CONGRESS FOUR MONTHS PRIOR TO EACH WITHDRAWAL PHASE. WE ARE STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE THE PARAMETERS OF THIS POTENTIAL ADDITION. ON MAY 9 THE LONG COMMITTEE IN THE HOUSE SLASHED 1.1 BILLION DOLLARS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FUNDS OUT OF THE BUDGET, INCLUDING 20 PERCENT OF ALL NON-ISRAEL FMS MONEY.

3. CHAIRMAN HUA IN PYONGYANG

DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO PYONGYANG, HUA KUA-FENG HAS CALLED THE DPRK THE SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT IN KOREA AND JOINED IN THE CALL FOR THE REMOVAL OF U.S. FORCES AND DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND. THE "SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT" PHRASEOLOGY HAS BEEN USED ONLY ONCE PREVIOUSLY BY THE CHINESE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE -- WHEN KIM IL-SUNG VISITED PEKING IN 1975. UNLIKE THE NORTH KOREAN FORMULA, HUA'S CALL FOR TROOP WITHDRAWAL OMITTED THE QUALIFIER "IMMEDIATE," HOWEVER.

4. DEFENSE INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY

PRELIMINARY DECISIONS REACHED AT THE STAFF LEVEL MAY 3 WILL, IF OFFICIALLY RATIFIED, ALLOW US TO BE VERY FORTHCOMING IN OUR ASSISTANCE TO ROK DEFENSE INDUSTRIES.

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DOD AND STATE WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS AGREED THAT CERTAIN PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE 90 MM TUNGSTEN ROUND AND THE ALL WEATHER VULCAN RADAR, CAN PROCEED IMMEDIATELY. FURTHER, IT WAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND A REQUEST FOR PD 13 EXCEPTIONS ON SEVERAL MISSILE RELATED PROJECTS, INCLUDING LASER GUIDED HONEST JOHN MISSILES WITH ICM AND THE FLATBAT SHIP-TO-SHIP MISSILE.

5. MUNITIONS CONTROL DECISIONS

SOME SMALL BUT CONTROVERSIAL MUNITIONS CONTROL DECISIONS WERE BUCKED ALL THE WAY TO THE ACTING SECRETARY THIS WEEK. THE FINAL DECISION WAS TO PERMIT LICENSING OF WEAPONS FOR PRESIDENT PARK'S PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTIVE FORCE, BUT TO DENY PISTOL SALES TO THE KOREAN NATIONAL POLICE (WHICH HANDLES IMPORTS OF ALL NON-MILITARY SMALL ARMS INTO THE COUNTRY FOR POLICE, HOME GUARD, AND PLANT PROTECTION USE.) VANCE

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